

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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RECRUITMENT PANEL FOR ANNOUNCERS IN FM - I & FM - II

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any panel of announcers, presenters and comperes was drawn for FM-I and FM-II Channels during 2001;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria adopted for selection of candidates;
- (d) whether the instructions of the Government in regard to reservation have been followed while drawing the panel; and
- (e) if not, the details of steps proposed to be taken for keeping the candidates belonging to the SC/ST and OBC categories in the panel?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b) : Prasar Bharati has intimated that the requirement of announcers, presenters and comperes for FM-I and FM-II channel service of All India Radio, during 2001, was met by engaging persons on casual assignment basis from the approved panel maintained in the concerned All India Radio Stations.

(c) : Broadcasting skills of scripting and presentation technique with special emphasis on voice quality are taken into consideration for making the selection.

(d) & (e) : The instructions of the Government in regard to reservation do not apply to engagement of casual artists on assignment basis. However, all due consideration is given to candidates, belonging to SC/ST and OBC categories, on the approved panel.